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Yes LRT

From: Ned Nolan <<u>nn@nolanlaw.ca</u>> Subject: Yes LRT Date: April 7, 2017 at 12:18:10 PM EDT

Dear Councillor,

I sure never thought I'd be writing to you in April 2017 to add my voice to the chorus of Hamiltonians who support LRT - that's because I thought we had already wisely committed to this investment.

We have already poured time, money and resources into this once-in-a-generation initiative - and for good reason. But now, after all this, some people are asking the City to change course.

I am writing to ask that you please stay the course. Do not bow to the tireless effort of the cynics and nay-sayers who have turned the LRT discussion into a negative and divisive narrative of us-against-them; sub-urban vs. urban; motorist vs. transit user; old vs. young.

We are *one City* with a shared interest in building world-class, modern transit along the most dense part of Hamilton's elongated and central East-West axis. There is no doubt - and the research is clear - that this is a long-term investment that will pay off in so many different ways including economically and environmentally.

My business (directly on the LRT line) will be negatively impacted by construction just like my home was negatively impacted by renovation work we did last year. And you know what, it was worth it!

Please heed the advice of the experts, the researchers, the visionaries, and of course, the anchor institutions and myriad businesses and informed citizens who have all said, unequivocally, *Yes LRT*.

Do not allow this to be de-railed, especially now.

Thank you for reading my email,

Ned Nolan

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